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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is responsive to the Official Action mailed February 9, 2006 (Paper No. 20060130), the date of response to which has been extended three months up to and including August 9, 2006, in view of the attached three-month extension of time petition and petition fee.